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Report for the month of JUNE, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to

Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December 1945 was estimated to be 493,047.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Notes: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			MAY		5 months ended 1 MAY	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Marrriages	..	No.	463	377	2,233	1,648
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of Population	10.78	6.65	10.59	8.14
Births	..	No.	232	981	4,230	4,814
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of Population	22.89	23.56	20.70	23.78
Deaths	..	No.	406	382	1,809	1,826
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.66	9.17	8.83	9.08
Infant Mortality	No.		25	29	135	125
" " "		Rate per 1000 live births	25.99	29.56	31.91	25.97
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			17	11	75	70
Cancer			49	48	213	235
Influenza			1	1	5	8
Diphtheria			-	3	6	9
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			30	32	162	178
Arteriosclerosis			14	11	43	71
Diseases of the Heart			105	117	473	457
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			24	25	101	103
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			2	6	19	29
Nephritis			17	12	59	72
Diseases of Early Infancy			13	18	68	68
Senility			12	11	43	64
Accidents			35	19	140	97
All Other Causes			89	74	403	371
Total			406	382	1,809	1,826

Equivalent Annual Rate

See Overleaf

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional allotment during the six months ended June 1946 totalled 111,400 acres, a decrease of 586 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous land registered amounted to 323,300 acres, a decrease of 283,548 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to

	1945-46	1944-45	1943-44	1942-43
Revenue	1,341,140	1,224,516	14,407,557	13,949,340
Expenditure	1,341,140	1,224,516	14,407,557	13,949,340
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.14.1d.	£2.12.4d.	£29.4.5d.	£28.11.6d.

- (a) Includes a special grant of £912,559 by the Commonwealth, made under Section 6 of the State Grant Reimbursement Act.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th June, 1946 amounted to £36,269,087, or £77.3.11d. per head of population, as against £31,703,176, or £64.13.10d. per head on the 30th June last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 24th June, 1946 amounted to £3,513,567, compared with £2,758,692 for the corresponding period last year.

	1945-46	1944-45	1943-44	1942-43
Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	1946	1945	1944	1943
Transfers	1,476	956	15,124	10,430
Mortgages	814	333	6,533	5,037
Discharge of Mortgages	776	518	7,984	5,917

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)	Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
1945 -				
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,302	671,083	1,543,774	113,761
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,322	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,071,491	133,311
December	342,680	565,516	644,750	56,462
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,006	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,841,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,998,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

61 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £931,100, and 25 Foreign Companies were registered for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1946. For the corresponding period last year there were registered 12 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £16,600 and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	12 months ended 30th June					
	1946			1945		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	10	23,019	8,064	3	3,953	2,130
Orders of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	2	1,474	1,671
Orders of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		M A Y		11 months ended MAY	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings	£.	379,000	357,000	3,832,700	3,976,300
Working Expenses	£.	361,270	339,735	3,735,925	3,436,735
Train miles run		599,707	520,427	5,877,754	5,769,564
Passenger Journeys		1,408,636	1,334,714	15,583,615	16,567,817
Goods Carried -					
Paying Goods		273,864	244,394	2,400,340	2,564,750
Livestock		9,068	6,964	128,053	132,308
Departmental (Free Freight)		42,093	49,501	425,925	515,598
Total		325,025	300,859	2,954,318	3,212,656
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		34,673,061	29,963,626	310,030,676	294,287,860
Livestock		1,004,577	780,043	15,072,525	14,590,030
Departmental (Free Freight)		6,223,313	6,058,425	62,880,847	72,528,369
Total		41,900,951	36,802,094	367,984,048	361,406,259

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year								
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
Jan.	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
Feb.	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	9	51	-	42
April	17	35	-	30	18	49	1	33
May	22	49	-	44	27	98	2	45
June	7	15	-	18	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
1946 -								
Jan.	18,632	7,196	204	3,568	30,167	25,285	274	5,581
Feb.	18,823	7,400	204	3,811	30,667	26,401	290	6,004
March	18,864	7,482	204	3,896	30,796	26,813	291	6,155
April	19,076	7,754	204	4,143	31,027	27,449	304	6,563
May	19,200	7,954	204	4,263	31,284	28,027	308	6,746
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 - JUNE	92	443	5	5

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the ^{eleven} months ended May 1946 and 1945 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		11 months ended May		MAY		11 months ended May	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	733	395	5,359	4,578	3,435	968	17,734	12,905
Interstate	1,703	923	14,812	11,894	156	683	5,567	4,951
Total	2,436	1,318	20,171	16,472	3,591	1,651	23,301	17,856

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JUNE 1946	*102	*103,496	12	4,470	237	20,844	*351	*128,810
JUNE 1945	60	44,611	1	206	153	9,204	214	54,021
Year ended June 1946	1,386	1,249,303	111	70,853	2,630	315,713	4,127	1,635,877
Year ended June 1945	530	362,811	20	45,079	1,430	106,019	1,980	603,909

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 21 for a value of £20,527.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JUNE 1946	*38	*28,568	3	1,865	41	3,104	*82	*33,537
JUNE 1945	7	6,060	1	2,249	20	759	28	9,068
Year ended June 1946	215	157,242	40	21,012	449	39,066	704	217,320
Year ended June 1945	73	54,729	13	9,056	273	15,446	359	79,231

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 8 for a value of £8,227.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

459,360 lbs. were produced during May 1946, and 11,926,527 lbs. for the eleven months ended May 1946, as against 504,506 lbs. and 11,827,779 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		JUNE		6 months ended June	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity	Fine Oz.	44,526	36,591	251,985	222,237
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	478,219	391,472	2,702,002	2,359,329

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June 1946, amounted to £167,047, as against £233,041 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1037	1069	1062	1060
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1201	1204	1194	1188
Northam	1083	1080	1073	1070
Bunbury	1065	1055	1052	1044
Geraldton	1092	1095	1085	1089

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	116	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144	153	958	835	827	876	1051
May	119	131	140	144	153	927	836	832	891	1069
June	118	135	139	145		907	835	829	903	
July	117	136	140	145(a)		888	828	832	899	
August	119	136	140	144		882	814	832	897	
Sept.	120	137	140	141		877	806	834	914	
October	122	138	140	141		874	801	837	929	
November	123	136	141	144		873	814	851	965	
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.
 (Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	15,017	16,980	186,641	186,377
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	13,061	14,083	159,065	157,605

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
JUNE 1946	13,063	555	61,017	10,457
JUNE 1945	8,608	147	35,530	13,435
Six months ended June 1946	44,442	1,630	369,319	81,531
Six months ended June 1945	35,850	1,506	388,631	81,257